

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No - I have right to choose what I buy or what I use.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance

Hearing aids have been bought paying two or three times as much and could not be used.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

FDA has no right to make a hearing test to satisfy the doctor making the exams or the people selling brand names that are pushing their feeling that yours must be made.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Yes I should be able to purchase hearing aids by mail. I have one that has been good for over 5 years.

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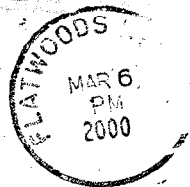
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